

43. The assay as in claim 42, wherein said hydrophobic material is covalently attached to said support.

44. The assay as in claim 41, wherein said hydrophobic material is a lipid.

45. The assay as in claim 44, wherein said lipid comprises phosphatidylethanolamine.

46. The assay as in claim 41, wherein said reporter comprises a radioactive material or a non-radioactive material.

REMARKS

This amendment is presented in order to copy claims from United States Patent No. 5,972,595 in compliance with the one-year deadline of 35 U.S.C. §135(b). A copy of US 5,972,595 is enclosed. This document is already of record in the application, having been cited by the Examiner in the Office Action dated May 24, 2000.

A complete response to the outstanding Office Action will be filed shortly.

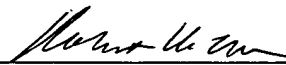
CONCLUSION

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Assistant Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket no. 342312000600. However, the Assistant Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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